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1. The airfield lies south of the road between the Kiskunlachháza railroad station and the town. It is 1,600 m from east to west, and about 2,000 m from north to south. The prevailing winds are northeast-southwest and the runway is set in that direction. The surrounding ground is flat with only a few buildings surrounded by groups of trees. The ground is a loam, overgrown with grass. The runway is 1,200 m long, 50 m wide, with a thickness of 40 to 50 cm. A concrete apron in front of the hangars is 20 to 30 cm thick.
2. Radar and goniometric stations are in the building north of the command building. Construction work was finished during the summer of 1953.
3. There are guards at the entrance and over the depots during the day. During the night regular patrols are added.
4. The field is occupied by a Soviet training unit. The men are 17 to 20 years old; they came to the field in Apr 1953. They do not go out into the neighboring villages. Total strength about 600 men, of whom 80 to 100 are NCOs. The commandant is a major; there are five or six other officers.
5. At the field there have been observed two IL-2 transporters, six biplanes of unknown type, nine YAK-9s, and five MIG-15s. The auto park consists of two passenger cars, nine jeeps, six 3-ton trucks, three tank trucks, two ambulances.
6. Morning and afternoon there is great air activity regardless of the weather. The training planes practice takeoffs and landings, the fighters do formation flying. When the jets are up all other air activity ceases. There are also infantry exercises on the ground.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch of Kiskunlachháza Airfield

(B): Detailed sketch of Kiskunlachháza Airfield.

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